



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Norman E. ALLAIRE

Appl. No.: 10/534,689

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For: **Absolute Quantitation of Nucleic
Acids by RT-PCR**

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Examiner: Joyce Tung

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Second Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In advance of prosecution, Applicants submit the following Second Preliminary Amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.